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- 2010 In May, the Regional administrator met with representatives of the Blackburn & Carter law firm to discuss the UEC application for conducting uranium in-situ solution mining operations in Goliad County. The citizen's representatives provided data on water quality in the proposed Production Area No. 1 in the Goliad Project.
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- In August, members of the Source Water Protection Branch traveled to Goliad County to conduct a visit to the area permitted by TCEQ for uranium mining, and to attend the GCGCD public meeting.

2012 In January EPA met with UEC to discuss the Regions request for GW modeling. In that meeting the Region recognized any aquifer, or portion thereof, containing water that is destined to be captured by an existing water well for human consumption as currently serving as a source of drinking water for that well. In addition the Region proposed GW modeling of the chemical fate of the restored plume.

The Region submitted a second letter to TCEQ on May 16, 2012 outlining the legal and technical basis and the requirements necessary for a demonstration that meets the criteria for exempting aquifers.

In August EPA held a meeting with officials of the GCGWCD, UEC, and their respective attorneys to discuss technical issues with the latest submissions of UEC whose approach was to demonstrate water well isolation in lieu of GW capture. UEC submitted a proposed revised AE map. Issues remain.

In September UEC submitted a lot of fluid level data taken from 2008 -2012 on the GW gradient over the B sand. Contours of the data indicated GW flow was west to east over the B sand. The Region intermittently contacted the Church and the GCGWCD on occasion to determine the feasibility of running pump tests near the SE water wells of concern.



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